Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Over the last 5 years, the number of persons killed in motor vehicle crashes in work zones has gone from 693 in 1997 to a high of 1,079 in 2001, for an average of 888 fatalities per year; and,

Whereas, In 2001, 1,079 fatalities resulted from motor vehicle crashes in work zones of which 249 resulted from large truck crashes; and,

Whereas, From 1997 to 2001, an average of 15 percent of the fatalities resulting from crashes in work zones were non-motorists including pedestrians and bicyclists; and,

Whereas, Over 40,000 people per year are injured as a result of motor vehicle crashes in work zones, and an estimated 5,000 people were injured in large truck crashes in work zones in 2001; and,

Whereas, In 2001, over half of all fatal work zone crashes occurred during the day, while about two-thirds of fatal large truck work zone crashes occurred during the day; and,

Whereas, In 2001, more than two times as many fatal work zone crashes occurred on weekdays compared to weekends, and regardless of whether a large truck was involved or not, most crashes occurred in the summer and fall months; and,

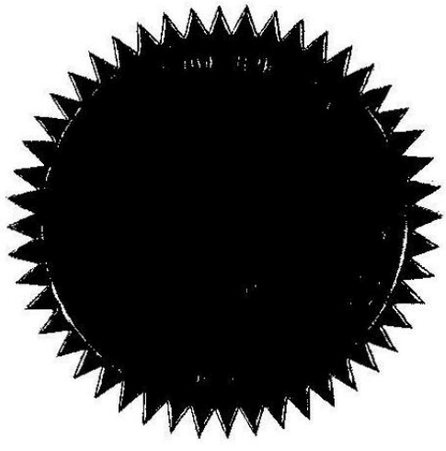
Whereas, In 2001, the number of fatal work zone crashes occurring on rural interstates was nearly 30 percent greater than the number of fatal crashes occurring on urban interstates (159 compared to 124); and,

Whereas, In 2001, the majority of fatal work zone crashes for all vehicles and large trucks occurred on roads with speed limits of 55 miles per hour or greater (57 percent and 70 percent, respectively):

Now, Therefore, I M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 6-12, 2003, as

WORK ZONE AWARENESS WEEK

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this First Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State